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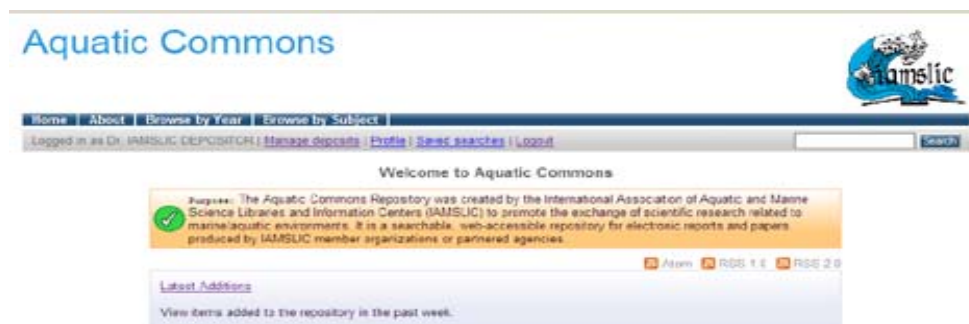
## Report from the Executive Board

As we will have reached the February 1 milestone by the time you are reading this issue let me take this opportunity to outline the upcoming process. After the executive board has received the official census from the membership database we will allocate the dues portion, determine if we can afford an additional stipend for developing countries, and send out the call for the first grant cycle in mid-February. This is **only** for unaffiliated members and is intended to support programs and/or projects, not travel. During April, if funds are available, a second grant cycle for travel to attend the annual conference will be announced. Regional groups must submit a report to the executive board on or before March 1 outlining plans endorsed by a majority for expending this year's allocation. Funds will not be released until these reports have been received and approved.

The Pacific Islands regional group has now formally received approval from the executive board for their expansion to include Australia and New Zealand. To date they have twenty-five members. An election is currently underway for their regional group representative.

In March IOC/IODE-XIX will take place in Trieste, Italy. Several Iamslic members will be delegates to this meeting, but our official representative will be Pauline Simpson. While she may have officially retired, her membership on the Aquatic Commons Board and long-time involvement with IOC makes her a perfect candidate.

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## Aquatic Commons Update

Expanding its role in the development of resource sharing tools, IAMSlic is poised to launch its new EPrint repository in late spring 2007. This repository can be used freely by any IAMSlic member or partner to share digital texts throughout our global community. By vote of the IAMSlic membership in Portland, the contract for the development of the Aquatic

Commons repository was awarded to the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA).

In November, the IAMSlic Executive Board appointed an Aquatic Commons Board with the express responsibility of making policy and management decisions related to all aspects of coverage, funding of content

creation, training, and copyright and access rights. The AC Board consists of Jean Collins (FAO representative), Fred Merceur (IFREMER), Peter Pissierssens (IOC representative), Lisa Raymond (MBL/WHOI), Pauline Simpson (formerly of the National Oceanographic Library, Southampton), Helen Wibley (ASFA Secretariat), Joan Parker (IAMSLIC President, ex officio), and Stephanie Haas, chair.

The general policies for the repository have been reviewed by the AC Board and are available for your review and comment at the AC web site

<http://www.iamsllic.org/index.php?section=147> .

Currently, FCLA is purchasing a server for us and has set up a beta test of the version 3.0 EPrints software. The AC Board will begin usability testing after the Open Repositories 2007 meeting in January.

The proposed goals for the Aquatic Commons Board for 2006-07 include:

- ✓ Finish negotiating cost sharing for repository setup between cooperating stakeholders (partners) and finalize contract negotiation with facility.
- ✓ Document the basic policies of the repository and a written statement of purpose. See <http://www.iamsllic.org/index.php?section=147> .
- ✓ Conduct the usability testing necessary to open the repository. (Very preliminary set up work has uncovered bugs that have already been reported to EPrint developers.)
- Determine goals for collection building for first year with input from IAMSLIC members.
- Explore the possibility of a single metadata formulation for repository/ASFA use.

- Work with partners to determine the plan for content building and to minimize duplication of effort.
- Use Board expertise to determine priorities for content building and needed resources.
- Explore the idea of partnering IAMSLIC institutions with digital capacity to those needing capacity.
- Establish and maintain a list of Aquatic Common partner efforts to build this repository through grants; thereby, providing leverage for future grants.

This is another service offered as part of your dues, please begin to think about your participation in the project. What digital items do you want to share? Do you need help digitizing? Can you provide help to others who want to digitize items? Please share your ideas with the AC Board by using the message function on the web page.

The repository is one link in developing the entire Aquatic Commons initiative for IAMSLIC. This initiative includes two other key linkages: the development of a harvester and the ability to tie the repository to IAMSLIC's Z39.50 Distributed Library.

Currently, discussions are underway with AVANO (<http://www.ifremer.fr/avano/>) to determine if IAMSLIC can collaborate with IFREMER and formally designate AVANO as IAMSLIC's harvester service. Developed by Fred Merceur and presented at last year's IAMSLIC conference, AVANO currently harvests 40 repositories and contains more than 38,600 metadata records.

By early 2008, we hope to move forward on the linking the repository to the Z39.50 distributed library.

## Invitation to Join the IAMS LIC Resource Sharing Committee

As the chair of the IAMS LIC Resource Sharing Committee, I would like to extend an invitation to members with an interest in the IAMS LIC Z39.50 Distributed Library and with finding better ways to share other resources such as duplicate books and journals to join us in such efforts. In the coming year, the committee will be working on the following initiatives:

1. To promote the use of the IAMS LIC Z39.50 Distributed Library to facilitate international resource sharing among marine and aquatic science libraries.
2. To explore the creation of additional regional union lists of serials to promote resource sharing within the Regional Groups.
3. To develop guidelines and a prospective budget for an

IAMS LIC-sponsored duplicate exchange reimbursement program to offset the costs associated with shipping duplicate books and journals between member libraries.

4. To develop a directory of groups and organizations who offer services for shipping materials internationally, and to investigate potential standing arrangements for member libraries to utilize such services.

Please contact me directly if you would like to get involved.

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## 33rd IAMS LIC Annual Conference

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 33rd Annual IAMS LIC Conference October 7-11, 2007. Mote Marine Laboratory, in Sarasota Florida, will host the meeting and this will be a joint meeting with the SAIL (Southeastern Association of IAMS LIC Libraries) regional group. Details, as they are available, will be posted at the conference website:  
<http://www.iamslc.org/index.php?section=155>.

The conference theme is IAMS LIC: Changes on the Horizon. Preliminary plans include: a GIS pre-conference workshop, demonstrations of the Aquatic Commons repository, and sessions on coral reefs, mangroves, disasters and a number of other topics that come under the umbrella of "Change".

Barb Butler, Conference Convener  
Sue Stover, Local Host

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*"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation"* Walter Cronkite.

Source: <https://cs.ala.org/@yourlibrary/quotes.cfm>

## From the IAMSLIC Membership Committee, January 2007

The IAMSLIC Membership Committee continues to work to strengthen the IAMSLIC membership. Following up on discussions at the annual conference in Portland, Bart Goossens has offered to launch a recruitment drive in connection with the EURASLIC Conference next May, focusing on freshwater institutions. Anyone interested in helping or with ideas for contacts outside of Europe should contact Bart or Jean Collins, the Membership Committee chair.

Also, membership dues have been reformulated. Institutions and individuals in high incomes countries pay \$50 per year while those in low and middle income countries pay \$20. Please refer to the World Bank list of countries to determine your status. We think this is a more equitable way to assess dues.

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/DATASTATISTICS/0,,contentMDK:20421402~pagePK:64133150~piPK:64133175~theSitePK:239419,00.html>

Current members of the Pacific Islands Regional Group voted to expand the group to include Australia and New Zealand. Early in 2007 they will be electing a Chair and deciding on a name to better reflect the wider geographic region.

We now have the amended English, French, Spanish and German IAMSLIC membership brochures. These are available on the IAMSLIC website as pdfs - <http://www.iamslc.org/index.php?section=3>

Please join us in welcoming the following new members!

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### Collaboration between IAMSLIC and PICES

Dr. George Boehlert, director of Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center, addressed the annual IAMSLIC Conference in Portland on the possibilities for collaboration between IAMSLIC and PICES, (North Pacific Marine Science Organization; the Pacific equivalent of ICES). Joan Parker pursued this possibility with success. At the PICES Annual Meeting held in Yokohama in late October 2006, IAMSLIC was identified as one of its highest priorities for interaction. We anticipate being invited to send an observer to the 2007 PICES Annual Meeting to be held Oct. 26 - Nov. 4, in Victoria, Canada. Also, the PICES Secretary, Dr. Alex Bychkov, asked if IAMSLIC would be willing to assist PICES in a systematic review of PICES publications. The organization is especially interested in options for electronic distribution and archiving. IAMSLIC is interested in PICES involvement in the Aquatic Commons. So, two representatives from PICES, Alex Bychkov and Skip McKinnell, will

work with IAMSLIC members, Janet Webster and Brian Voss, to prepare a report for the Finance and Administration Committee of PICES for the 2007 meeting. We plan to analyze the current publication process including costs, distribution and archiving. Then we will consider digital options. If time allows, we would like to do some study of the impact of PICES publications on marine science research and policy. A list of PICES publications is available at:

<http://www.pices.int/publications/default.aspx>.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the project, please contact Janet or Brian.

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## NIO's Institutional Repository

The Institutional Repository of the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) Goa, India - <http://drs.nio.org> - reached 500 full-text records (Journal articles, conference articles, book chapters, theses, etc) on 1 December 2006 since its launching during end March 2006. Within a short span of eight months, there are over 35,000 downloads from over 100 countries. How was this achieved?:

- 124 articles published by NIO's authors during the year 2006 are up. Thanks to the authors who resourced these. Many of them have learnt the art of self-archiving (uploading on DRS) and few sought help from the library.
- Other articles range for the period 2000-2005. NIO library

obtained permission from Indian publishers to upload these. These have been uploaded after scanning and OCR. This has helped increase the size of DRS.

- A very small portion of this includes grey literature (theses, reports, etc.).
- DRS is one among the very few institutional repositories in the field of Marine Sciences all over the world.

The contents of DRS is harvested by: OAlster (Global harvester for archives), Google Scholar, Avano (Marine and aquatic science harvester from France) and CASSIR (Indian archives harvester at IISc, India).

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## Gunter Library Hosts Disaster Taskforce

Gunter Library, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, in the Hurricane Katrina disaster recovery area, is hosting a meeting of the disaster planning taskforce of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region (NN/LM-SEA) on February 28, 2007.

Representatives on the taskforce are from health sciences libraries in ten states and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The taskforce has been charged with:

- Identifying disaster plans that exist in each state in the Region
- Devising or recommending procedures on how Network members notify the RML when disasters or emergencies occur
- Determining need for a regional plan

- Recommending what information or resources the RML should make available for use by Network members

Gunter Library, an IAMSILIC member for many years, was flooded by over a foot of Hurricane Katrina's storm surge. In 2006, NN/LM-SEA donated two new computers, a scanner, five reference books, and money to Gunter Library's recovery efforts.

Taskforce members will hold a full day of meetings followed by a tour of the Mississippi Gulf Coast to see the on-going recovery efforts in the area. For more information, go to <http://nnlm.gov/sea/outreach/disaster.html>.

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## Regional Meetings in 2007

### Afriamslic Conference

Planning is underway for the 3rd Afriamslic Conference to be held in Malawi between 21-23rd August 2007. The proceedings from the first two conferences are available on the IAMSlic website at <http://www.iamslc.org/index.php?section=32>.

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### Cyamus Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Cyamus Regional Group will be held on March 21-24, 2007, in San Pedro, California, at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (<http://www.cabrilloaq.org/>). For more information, or to register for the meeting, please see the Cyamus website at: <http://library.csumb.edu/cyamus/> (the meeting link via Cyamus site should be live in the next few days!)

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### A Resource Sharing Idea

During the conference in Portland I had the chance to speak to a few people who mentioned the need to get new books for their respective libraries. I asked if recent textbooks would help. The answer was yes.

While many libraries don't collect textbooks some do because they are much like reference books especially for the students for whom English is a second language.

What I would like to do is gauge the interest in receiving textbooks that are only a few years old. If there is enough interest some libraries may be able to get donations and then IAMSlic can figure out a way to get the books shipped. Perhaps UPS will donate the shipping. There are many details in such a project but first we have to see if there is a need.

So, in order to gauge interest in this idea I would need people to send me the topics for which they would want textbooks.

For instance someone wants:  
Aquaculture, Marine Biology, Fisheries (regional), and Seafood Safety.

There was a recent posting to the list by Kinibo Ura asking about sources for a number of topics and I am copying it below for your use. Use other topics if you wish.

Aquaculture, Ecology, Ecosystem, Marine Science, Biology, Marine Biology, Oceanography, Ocean, Geography, Applied Maths, Applied Science, Physics, Fishing Gear Technology, Navigation, Marine Engines, Diesel Engines, Out Board Motors, Post Harvest, HACCP, Sanitation, Seafood Safety, Sea Food Processing & Handling.

I can't really say that this project will go forward, but we need to gauge the need first, thanks.

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**Conference Report: 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Grey Literature**  
University of New Orleans, December 4-5, 2006

This conference (<http://www.greynet.org/gl8conference.html>) is of interest to IAMSLIC members given its focus on the challenges of identifying, collecting and archiving grey literature. The group is small (50 or so), and international yet primarily European and North American. Many attendees presented current research e.g. I presented a paper on describing visibility and accessibility of mangrove literature on Africa and India that I researched with Jean Collins and Patricia Merrikin of the FAO Libraries. Here, I present a few highlights.

Bonnie Carroll, president of Information International Associates, gave a very good keynote on Shades of Grey. She's a consultant and contractor providing federal agencies with contract library staff. A number of her employees were in attendance so I got a crash course in government contracting starting with people I met at dinner who work at the National Library of Education (US) to people at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Ms. Carroll put grey literature into the context of technology changes and what that means for making things visible and accessible. One observation that resonated with the audience was her definitions of our three part audience as each type of audience perceives finding material differently and that in turn shapes how we organize it i.e. 1) the founding fathers are print-based; 2) digital immigrants adopt to the new environment but see it through a print bias; 3) digital natives do not come with the same print background so expect information to be visible and accessible. Other key points were the confounding factor of language in the digital world, the importance of

search, and the possible shifts in peer-review. She identified three opportunities for those involved with grey literature to explore: search technology, intellectual property rights and digital archiving.

The first paper session focused on collection development and policies with an update from the British Library on their quest to collect digital output from government agencies following a 2003 mandate. Of these, Cameron Esslemont (Australia) demonstrated a fascinating application for delivering a personal library to your desktop. He developed this within the testbed of disseminating information to health practitioners in the Pacific Islands. I'm going to try it out as it may have potential for packaging discrete sets of grey literature to users. His web site is <http://www.glsn.com> and he is very interested in sharing his work.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> session dealt with schemas and standards. A paper from the UK described the use of intelligent agents to guide projects from the research proposal to the finished product. This applies to an institution where all research is tracked with outcomes carefully measured to ensure future research funding. Troman from the British Library outlined his efforts to start an ETD Service at the BL; he anticipates going live in 2007 with a cost recovery system for delivering British theses online. Finally Luzi from the Italian Institute for Policy and Studies in Health discussed the difficulty of automating the clinical trial research process. You may be getting the picture that this conference is somewhat eclectic with practitioners discussing their projects and problems. People are quite frank with their opinions and challenges

making for interesting question and answer sessions.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> formal session addressed economic and legal aspects of grey literature. Banks (NYU Medical School) gave a solid overview of copyright and Open Access urging us to consider grey content rather than grey literature. Two French colleagues reported on the migration of the SIGLE database of grey literature to an accessible but dead database. The original database started in 1980 as a means to index all grey literature produced by European research institutions (the Europeans take grey literature more seriously than the Americans). It's an excellent but limited resource as it doesn't consistently link to full text ([opensigle.inist.fr](http://opensigle.inist.fr)).

The 4<sup>th</sup> session was fun for me as it was very applied and the presentations related to natural resources, from Louisiana wetlands to karsts. Costello from LSU reported on a project to identify and collect all literature on Louisiana's coastal wetlands, a familiar sounding project to many of us involved with grey literature. She made significant progress until Hurricane Katrina when funding was diverted. Her project resonated with many who work to build collections only to meet with unanticipated challenges. I presented my paper on mangrove literature

comparing how five search tools including Google Scholar made information visible and then exploring the accessibility of that information. The paper is in ScholarsArchive at <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/dspace/handle/1957/3734>. I especially liked MacDonald's presentation on the impact of grey literature using the Gulf Of Maine Council as an example. He's done a similar study on GESAMP publications and provides an excellent model for this type of work.

I learned about the Institute for Information Infrastructure Protection, a fascinating collection trying to gather open access information on varied aspects of security, <http://digitalcom.thei3p.org>. Then Revere from UW shared their prototype digital library for public health practitioners in the Puget Sound region.

I remain fascinated by the varying international perspectives on information. One major concept posited by several at the conference is redefining grey literature as grey content given technology changes; that shifts the discussion and may make it easier for me to describe this field to others. The 9<sup>th</sup> Grey Literature Conference is in Antwerp 10-11 December, 2007.

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### Google Books

For those of you who heard my presentation in Portland when I spoke about the Google Books project at Stanford, I highly recommend you read the following "New Yorker" article about the project. It includes some specifics about the project at Stanford that I was not allowed to explicitly state due to confidentiality

agreements. It provides an interesting view of the legal battle that is going on between Google and publishers.

Toobin, Jeffrey. Google's Moon Shot: The quest for the universal library. The New Yorker. February 5, 2007. [http://www.newyorker.com/fact/content/articles/070205fa\\_fact\\_toobin](http://www.newyorker.com/fact/content/articles/070205fa_fact_toobin) .

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## Atlantic and Gulf Rapid Reef Assessment (AGRRA)

From Robert Ginsburg, Coral List  
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New AGRRA data are available at  
<http://www.agrra.org> .

1. The updated AGRRA database with surveys made in 2004 in the Dominican Republic, Broward County, Florida and Dry Tortugas, Florida. The current total of sites in the Tropical Western Atlantic and Brazil is 804.
2. Updated summary product files for the AGRRA 1997-2004 database, plus a few new summary products.
3. BLAGGRA Full Method, a modified "emergency-response" version of the AGRRA stony-coral protocol involving line and belt transects, with full

description of the protocol, UW datasheet and data entry spreadsheet, plus database and summary products for post-bleaching surveys in Barbados, Martinique and the British Virgin Islands in January and May, 2006.

4. BLAGGRA Line-intercept Only, a simplified version proposed for trained volunteers to rapidly assess the impacts of bleaching events, outbreaks of disease, or other ecological disasters, description of the protocol, UW datasheet and data entry spreadsheet.

5. The BLAGGRA Abstract for the October, 2006 ITMENS conference in Cancun.



## Finding Videos: Beyond YouTube

Each day, more video content is made available on the internet. Whether you just want to check out a video you heard about, or you are looking for a film clip to use on your website, sooner or later you are probably going to find yourself hunting for movies on the web. I checked out some of the leading video search engines, using as tests the simple searches "octopus behavior" and "fish behavior". In evaluating the search engines, I applied these criteria:

1. Quality control--a lot of poorer-quality videos are out there. It would be nice to be able to find the best visual quality, and have the cream rise to the top of searches.
2. Coping with different formats. There are so many formats such as iTunes, QuickTime, RealPlayer, Unbox (Amazon), and so on. A good search site will search across formats and

offer handy downloads for new formats.

3. Search capability. How does the search engine pull up videos? If it is only searching on the caption, I have a problem, since many of the videos have uninformative creator-supplied one-word captions. Does the search engine pull in descriptive metadata, or allow keyword searching of accompanying text?

4. Copyright. Unlike many internet users, if I'm hoping to put a video on a website, or share with my little friends, I want to make sure that I'm legal, that I have the right to do it. Ideally, I would get links on the website to the content owners, and be able to write on the spot for permission to use the clip. The search engine should help educate its users about intellectual property.

If you're just looking for something posted to YouTube, then you can either access it from the YouTube website, or a Google search works as well, since Google now owns the popular user-submitted video site.

Then again, you might want to expand your repertoire. For a different perspective, you might want to try Dabble ([www.dabble.com](http://www.dabble.com)) which uses user ranking such as social bookmarking to structure its video results. I was impressed with the quality of the videos on the top screen. The current beta search engine is very limited, however. For example, I tried a search on "octopus behavior" and got nothing, while just plain "octopus" got 821 results, including videos that mention behavior in their explanatory text. Dabble is going to have to improve its search engine in order to outflank Google, but it did seem to have the best-quality material at the front of the search, and an abundance of videos to choose from.

Pixsy ([www.pixsy.com](http://www.pixsy.com)), a search engine for videos and photographs, has been around a little longer than Dabble, and has a more flexible search engine, although the relevancy ranking was not as good as I would have wished. It uses a webcrawler to find its content, and has also adopted a strategy of licensing its content to service providers that will give it information about videos people want to see. I especially like the fact that

the image sources are identified right up front. There's space for your favorite images on the site, there's a clear copyright notice, and links to rights holding companies are provided. Pixsy seemed to have a better handle on copyright.

If your problem is a paucity of footage, rather than too much, you might want to try a meta-search engine such as Pure Video ([www.purevideo.com](http://www.purevideo.com)). If you have too many bad choices to select from, on the other hand, you might want to try the video search feature on Google or Yahoo! Google Videos and Yahoo! Videos had the best search engines I encountered, with Yahoo! edging out Google. Both were capable of handling multiple keywords and generating short lists--less content, but better searching. Google's and Yahoo! Videos are less proactive about copyright than Pixsy, --the copyright statements were hard to find, and it seemed to me that these major companies could have done much more to educate users about intellectual property.

All in all, Pixsy was the winner for me, but this area is changing rapidly. It will be interesting to see how this part of the internet develops. Happy hunting!

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*What is more important in a library than anything else--than everything else--is the fact that it exists.*

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